



INSPECTOR GENERAL REPORT

2005-06-0303

November 21, 2006

MARION COUNTY PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FRAUD-1

Inspector General David O. Thomas, after an investigation by Special Agent Alan McElroy and Staff Attorney Amanda Schaeffer, reports as follows:

This report reflects the disposition of defendant Sherri Long, a defendant criminally charged on May 9, 2006, as a result of an investigation of fraudulent activity by FSSA Caseworkers Geraldine Harper and Mary Miracle. Harper and Miracle were formerly charged and convicted of criminal offenses of welfare fraud in Marion County as a result of an Office of Inspector General (OIG) investigation.

On September 14, 2006, a criminal trial was conducted in Marion County for defendant Long, who was charged with welfare fraud, a class C felony, and theft, a class D felony.

The State was represented by Marion County Deputy Prosecutors Mary Garner and Aaron Freeman. Evidence presented at trial indicated that Long was

employed but failed to report her income to FSSA as a requirement to receiving public assistance. At the conclusion of the trial Ms. Long was found guilty on both criminal charges.

On November 3, 2006, Long was sentenced to four years at the Indiana Department of Corrections with the sentence suspended. Long was placed on probation for 1,460 days, ordered to pay court cost (\$ 159.00) and to make restitution to FSSA.

Dated this 21st day of November, 2006.



David O. Thomas, Inspector General